



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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### Public Notice – Environmental Regulation

**Notice of action:** The State Water Control Board is considering the amendment of a regulation on water quality. A regulation is a general rule governing people's rights or conduct that is upheld by a state agency.

**Regulation name:** General Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) Permit Regulation for Seafood Processing Facilities (9VA25-115).

**Purpose of notice:** The board is seeking comments through the Department of Environmental Quality on 1) the proposal 2) the costs and benefits of the proposal 3) effects of the proposal on farm and forest land preservation and 4) impacts on small businesses.

**Public comment period:** May 4, 2015 to July 6, 2015.

**Public hearing:** DEQ Piedmont Regional Office at 4949A Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 3:00 PM. A question and answer period will be held one half hour (2:30 PM) prior to the beginning of the public hearing.

**Public comment stage:** Notice of Public Comment

**Description of proposed regulation:** The rulemaking is proposed in order to reissue the Seafood Processing Facilities general permit which expires on July 23, 2016. The general permit contains limitations and monitoring requirements for point source discharge of treated wastewaters to surface waters and stormwater management conditions at seafood processing facilities. The general permit regulation is being reissued in order to continue making general permit coverage available for these facilities. Amendments are proposed to update and clarify definitions, effective dates, authorization, registration statement requirements, general permit limits pages, special conditions, stormwater pollution prevention plans and conditions applicable to all permits.

**Locality particularly affected:** There are no localities particularly affected by the proposed regulation.

**How to comment:** The DEQ accepts written comments by hand-delivery, e-mail, fax and postal mail. All written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ no later than on the last day of the comment period.

(July 6, 2015). Both oral and written comments are accepted at the public meeting. DEQ prefers that comments, including a copy of supporting documents or exhibits, be submitted in writing. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are part of the public record.

**How a decision is made:** After comments have been considered, the board will make the final decision. Citizens that submit statements during the comment period may address the board members during the board meeting at which a final decision is made on the proposal.

**To review regulation documents:** The proposal and an analysis conducted by DEQ (including a statement of purpose, a statement of estimated impacts and benefits of the proposed regulation, an estimate of the impact of the proposed regulation upon small businesses, identification of and comparison with federal requirements, and a discussion of alternative approaches), are available on the Town Hall web site at [www.townhall.virginia.gov](http://www.townhall.virginia.gov) and by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The public may review the documents at the following location: Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

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